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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. In the office action:

- 1) claim 13 was objected to concerning the recitation of "positioned MS units" vs. "self-locating MS units" (office action, ¶ 1);
- 2) claims 1-5, 10-13, and 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,522,888 (Garceran et al.) (office action, ¶ 3); and
- 3) claims 6-9, 14-17, and 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,522,888 (Garceran et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 6,677,894 (Sheynblat et al.) (office action, ¶ 5).

Claims 1-26 have been cancelled and new claims 27-39 are presented. In view of the cancellation of the previously-pending claims and submittal of new claims, the applicants submit that the objection and rejections set forth above are moot and that the new claims distinguish over the cited art. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that the examiner pass the application to allowance. The examiner is invited to call Joel Miller, Esq., Reg. No. 29,955 (973-736-8306) or the undersigned if there are any questions concerning the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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